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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 3755

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR
SUBJECT: EPMG AGAIN ACCUSES GSDR OF SABOTAGING RAILROAD

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 3525; (B) ADDIS ABABA 3580

1. IN JUNE 14 RELEASE MININFO SPOKESMAN CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT DAMAGE TO BRIDGES ON ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD WORK OF SABOTEURS WHO CAME FROM SOMALIA AFTER BEING ORGANIZED, TRANED AND ARMED THERE. STATEMENT CRITICIZED WESTERN MEDIA FOR DISTORTING FACTS BY PUBLISHING CLAIM THAT BRIDGES DESTROYED BY LOCAL GROUPS (READ WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT) RATHER THAN BY SOMALI TRAINED INFILTRATORS.

2. COMMENT: EPMG OBVIOUSLY UPSET OVER: (A) MEDIA REPORTS WHICH GAVE IMPRESSION THAT ETHIOPIA'S ETHNIC SOMALIS MIGHT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OF SOMALI-TRAINED INFILTRATORS, AND (B) MEDIA TREATMENT OF WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT AS CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTHENTIC LIBERATION FRONT. SENSITIVITY ON THESE POINTS BASED ON DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA, EPMG'S COMPLEX NATIONALITIES PROBLEM AND EPMG IDEOLOGY. MANY OF ETHIOPIA'S ETHNIC SOMALIS HAVE HISTORICALLY NOT BEEN STRONG SUPPORTERS OF ADDIS GOVERNMENTS, AND POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZED OPPOSITION TO EPMG BY AN ETHNIC LIBERATION FRONT WITH

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LOCAL SUPPORT IS ALSO ANATHEMA TO EPMG IDEOLOGY, SINCE BOTH ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATIONS WERE OFFICIALLY ELIMINATED IN ETHIOPIA WITH ADOPTION OF PROGRAM OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION.
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